Corporate Plan by SAIL

1193. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:
SHRI CHITTABRATA MAJUMDAR:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether SAIL has prepared a corporate plan for 2012;

(b) if so, the estimated steel production by SAIL by 2012;

(c) the estimated requirement of iron ore to achieve the production; and

(d) the present iron ore linkage through captive mines to cater to the above requirements?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The estimated production of SAIL (including IISCO) by 2011-12 would be about 23 million of hot metal and about 20 million tonnes of saleable steel.

(c) The estimated requirement of iron ore to produce about 23 million tonnes of hot metal would be 38 million tonnes.

(d) The above iron ore requirement will be met by operations of existing captive mines and development of new mines at Chiria, Rowghat, Kiriburu (South Block), Meghahatuburu (Central Block), Taldih and Thakurani deposits.

Iron Ore trade with China

1194. SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Chinese delegation visited India to explore long term agreements for purchasing iron ore;

(b) whether representatives from China Chamber of Commerce and Industry for Import and Export of Metals, Minerals and Chemicals including reputed companies were representing the meeting;

(c) if so, whether delegation held discussions with the leading industry associates like CII and FICCI and also some Government departments;

(d) if so, the outcome of the discussions and whether any long term pact was signed on iron ore imports; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir.

(d) to (e) The visit was exploratory in nature to mutually understand import and export operations of iron ore in each other's country.

National Steel Policy

1195. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have finalized a new National Steel Policy;

(b) if so, whether the same has been posted on the Ministry's website; and

(c) whether steel decontrol being there for years now, Government would consider winding up of the Joint Plant Committee and other obsolete licensing/control bodies to lend transparency at par with global steel industry standards?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Expenditure Reforms Commission (ERC) in its 6th Report had recommended winding up of the Joint Plant Committee (JPC) and the office of the Development Commissioner for Iron & Steel (DCI&S). In pursuance of these recommendations the DCI&S organisation was closed w.e.f. 23rd May 2003. The JPC is not performing any licensing/control function. In view of certain vital functions, related to collection and analysis of data related to the steel sector, being perfomed by JPC, the Government is not contemplating its closure.

Status of POSCO

1196. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the status of POSCO project of Orissa cleared by the PMO in April, 2005;

(b) whether it is a fact that National Advisory Council is not in favour of implementing the project;

(c) whether the Minstry of Mines has also objected to this project; and

(d) by when the final decision is expected to be made public regarding the fate of the project?